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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Basic Service Tier Encryption, Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment  
MB Docket No. 11-69, PP Docket No. 00-67**

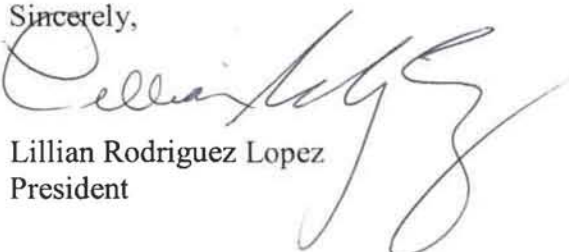
Dear Ms. Dortch:

We write to support the FCC's proposal to eliminate the rule prohibiting encryption of a cable system's basic service tier. Allowing operators of "all-digital" cable systems to encrypt the basic service tier offers many benefits for the public. For example, we understand that in New York City, Cablevision reduced the number of truck rolls needed to complete service disconnections by 99%. Because basic service tier encryption enables operators to leave cable plant active at all times, they can remotely effectuate connection and disconnection of service to customers without a truck roll. This improves and expedites cable service, and benefits the general public by reducing fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Cablevision's experience in New York City demonstrates that the benefits of basic service tier encryption can be realized without disrupting service to subscribers. The targeted consumer protection measures employed by Cablevision in connection with its encryption of the basic tier in New York City mitigate any potential adverse consumer impact. We strongly support the Commission's proposal and urge you to act expeditiously so that other areas of the country can reap the benefits from encryption enjoyed by Cablevision subscribers in New York City.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,



Lillian Rodriguez Lopez  
President

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